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Appn. Title: **Method and computing system for creating and displaying images with animated microstructures**

Reply to Office Action /After final amendment

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Lausanne, 4th of May, 2007

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges the receipt of the Office Action mailed 12th of February 2007 and note the Examiner's rejections and comments made therein.

In order to find an agreement on the claims, Applicant had a phone discussion with Supervisory Patent Examiner Matthew C. Bella on the 2nd of May 2007. Prior to the phone discussion, Applicant asked by email Supervisory Examiner M. Bella to examine a demonstration on the Web of two images rendered according to the invented method (http://lsppc60.epfl.ch/rdhxfer/anim1, http://lsppc60.epfl.ch/rdhxfer/anim2).

In the phone discussion, M Bella suggested to introduce the limitation of "visual motive elements evolving independently of the original image content." instead of simply "being independent of the original image content" . Applicant therefore introduced in the amended independent claims the limitation

"..where visual motive elements represented by said microstructure ~~are~~ evolve spatially independently ~~independent~~ of ~~the~~ a content of said original image ~~content~~; .."

Examiner Dennis Rosario-Vasquez asked me by email to send the present after final amendment.

Please receive in pages 3 to 6 the amended claims, with the corrections required according to point 2 of the last office action and with the limitation described above. In addition, claim 3 has been amended to be more precise.